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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

In response to the Office Communication mailed April 28, 2003, reconsideration and allowance is requested in view of the following remarks.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-28 and 31-35 are pending in the application. The Office Communication requests election of one of the following species of the invention under 35 U.S.C. § 121: **Species 1** Claims 9, 18, and 20 - time and pressure type pump, membrane pump, and two dimensional pumps; **Species 2** Claim 17 - cow udder; **Species 3** Claim 19 - embedded balls; **Species 4** Claim 21 - rotary valve; and **Species 5** Claim 22 - steam engine. **Applicant hereby elects for further prosecution the Species 2 Claim 17 – cow udder.** Applicant notes

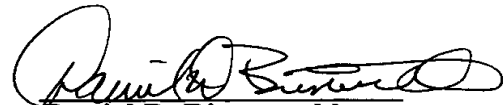
that claims 1-8, 10-17, 23-28, and 31-35 read on Species 2 Claim 17 – cow udder. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is generic.

**CONCLUSION**

The foregoing represents a complete response to the Office Action, and Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-28 and 31-35 in their present form are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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